

HOUSE BILL 1000

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By: **Delegates Conaway and Anderson**

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Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Vehicle Laws – Police Vehicles Engaged in Traffic Stops – Video Recording**
3 **Systems**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that, on or after a certain date, a motor vehicle of a
5 certain law enforcement agency used to initiate a traffic stop shall be equipped
6 with an in-car video recording system that activates on the activation of the
7 vehicle's emergency lights and makes a video recording of any activity occurring
8 immediately in front of the vehicle during the traffic stop; requiring that a video
9 recording made in accordance with this Act be retained by the law enforcement
10 agency for a certain period following the date of the recording; defining certain
11 terms; and generally relating to police vehicles engaged in traffic stops.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Transportation
14 Section 25–114
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 **25–114.**

21 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**
22 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

23 **(2) “LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY” MEANS AN AGENCY THAT IS**
24 **LISTED IN § 3–101(E) OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(3) “TRAFFIC STOP” MEANS ANY INSTANCE IN WHICH A POLICE**
2 **OFFICER STOPS THE DRIVER OF A MOTOR VEHICLE AND DETAINS THE DRIVER**
3 **FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME FOR A VIOLATION OF THE MARYLAND VEHICLE LAW.**

4 **(B) ON AND AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2011, A MOTOR VEHICLE OF A LAW**
5 **ENFORCEMENT AGENCY USED TO INITIATE A TRAFFIC STOP SHALL BE**
6 **EQUIPPED WITH AN IN-CAR VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEM THAT:**

7 **(1) ACTIVATES ON THE ACTIVATION OF THE VEHICLE’S**
8 **EMERGENCY LIGHTS; AND**

9 **(2) MAKES A VIDEO RECORDING OF ANY ACTIVITY OCCURRING**
10 **IMMEDIATELY IN FRONT OF THE VEHICLE DURING THE TRAFFIC STOP.**

11 **(C) A VIDEO RECORDING MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION**
12 **SHALL BE RETAINED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY FOR A PERIOD OF 1**
13 **YEAR FOLLOWING THE DATE OF THE RECORDING.**

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 October 1, 2010.